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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

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For:

INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING

METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM

U.S. Serial No.:

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Filed:

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2001, which provides for a response period ending July 6, 2001.

In accordance with the recent rule changes, amendments to the claims are presented herein by presenting a complete set of pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the claims is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: